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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE AMMED FORCES MODERNIZATION: FRG

PARTICIPATION IN ARMY SURVEY TEAM

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1. AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO GERMAN AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING (JULY 8) ABOUT PORTUGUESE ARMY LETTER (REFTEL). GERMAN AMB. HAD RECEIVED LETTER JULY 7 FROM GEN FIGUEIREDO, WHO AS PROMISED, MADE ORAL REQUEST THAT GERMANS COME WITH U.S. ARMY TEAM.

2. GERMAN AMBASSADOR IS HINDERED BY ABSENCE OF HIS DEFENSE ATTACHE, BUT WILL SEND THIS AFTERNOON A TRANSLATION OF EANES'S LETTER THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS TO THE GERMAN ARMY.

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3. BECAUSE OF SHORT TIME LEFT BEFORE SCHEDULED JULY 15
ARRIVAL OF U.S. SURVEY TEAM, AMBASSADOR QUERIED GERMAN
AMBASSADOR IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE BG SCHWEITZER
BRIEF GEN SCHULTZE AT SHAPE. GERMAN AMBASSADOR AGREED.

4. GERMAN AMBASSADOR, WHO NORMALLY LEAVES MILITARY
AFFAIRS ALMOST TOTALLY IN THE HANDS
OF HIS DEFENSE
ATTACHE, OPINED THAT GERMAN ARMY MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY
FINDING QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN TIME TO JOIN U.S. TEAM.
THAT IS PROBABLY AN OFF THE CUFF OPINION, BUT AS
ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT
TEAM BE A JOINT EFFORT AND GERMANS NOT COME SEPARATELY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) THAT BG SCHWEITZER BRIEF GEN SCHULTZE.

(B) EMBASSY BONN DO WHAT IT CAN TO GET FRG TO MOVE
RAPIDLY ON PORTUGUESE REQUEST.

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